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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2003, the term for response to which expires on March 6, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

SIR:

Amend substituted claim 3 to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The pattern formation member according to claim 2, wherein

a width of the straight pattern of said shield section is larger than that of said translucent section.

REMARKS

Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 2. Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of claim 3 showing the changes made.

It is respectfully requested that the amendment to claim 3 be approved and entered. No new matter has been added.

